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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Science and Technology Panel

1. This memorandum is for your information only.


2. As I discussed with you earlier, the second meeting of the Science and Technology Panel is scheduled to take place at Headquarters on 11 and 12 January 1968. The first meeting, which was held at Headquarters on 16 and 17 November 1967, was primarily a general orientation and organizational session. The Panel resolved such questions as frequency of meetings (bimonthly), duration of meetings (two days), meeting format, and other procedural items. A most important issue concerning potential conflicts of interest was thoroughly discussed and satisfactorily resolved. Recognizing that their effectiveness would be severely hampered unless all important issues could be pursued in depth and with complete candor, it was determined that the conventional organizational barriers (both government and industrial) would be lowered. If an individual Panel member, by virtue of special circumstances relating to his professional involvement in a particular matter, should find himself in a compromising position, he would absent himself from all discussions of that subject.

3. It would appear that the Science and Technology Panel members have all enthusiastically endorsed the purpose and objectives that led to the

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formation of the Panel, and should be in a position to formulate recommendations of considerable wisdom and merit in the near future. At this time, I would suggest that you may wish to meet informally with the Panel members during their forthcoming meeting, ideally on Friday (12 January) afternoon, to discuss their plans and activities and provide any guidance that you may desire.

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